

By Sr. Marguerite O'Brien Coordinator of the Women's Program

# A Time to Come, and a Time to Move On...

ifteen years ago, I had just returned to Wheeling after completing graduate work at Ohio State, and was preparing to teach part-time in the Medical Technology Program at WJC. Soon thereafter, while making retreat at Mount Saint Joseph, Father Jim O'Brien asked if I had ever considered living in the residence hall. I was so surprised, I laughed in his face. Fifteen years later, I'm still laughing--not from disbelief, but from delight!

My life here at WJC has been truly blessed; it has been filled with surprises, with learnings, with stories, with confidences, with memories. I have seen students grow, and change, and become adult women and men. I have seen the pain and the promise of youth. I have seen hearts healed, hopes fulfilled and lives rebuilt.

Until last year when I moved to the New Hall, I lived in Thomas More. This gave me the opportunity to get to know many of the students, particularly the women, who lived on campus. I have watched as many of them blossomed into articulate, confident and compassionate leaders. Our mission statement says that "the college seeks to foster competence, creativity and innovation both throughout and beyond the campus community." I pray that it will continue to provide quality mentoring and leadership opportunities for those students, especially the women, who choose a Jesuit education at Wheeling Jesuit College.

As I prepare to move again, this time off campus, I take not only boxes filled with material things, I take my heart filled with many precious memories: the fragile moments of early morning homesickness, and prayer times during the Gulf War crisis; the funny moments when the front door of Thomas More was ripped off its hinges, and when the mixer spewed chocolate cake all over my kitchen; the difficult moments of broken relationships and loss of family or friends; the celebrating moments of graduations and weddings. The reality is that these treasures cannot be packed away; they are very much a part of who I am. During the past 15 years many students touched my life very deeply, and I am grateful.

For the past six years I have juggled my responsibilities at the college with those asked of me by my congregation, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Wheeling. It is time to pack up my treasures and make room for others. Gratefully, I will not be very far away. I'll be living at 140 Edgington Lane and promise to have my cookie jar full for any of you who come to visit.

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# **Front Page**

# Paving the Road Toward College

# INROADS, Upward Bound Provide Direction to High School Students

Wheeling Jesuit College hosted a pair of summer programs which provided advanced educational opportunities to 90 high school students.

Fifty students from the Charleston, WV, area attended INROADS '95, a precollege summer institute held June 18-24 at WJC.

Ralph Miller, managing director of the Charleston chapter of INROADS, said the organization is designed to "develop and place talented minority youth in business and industry and prepare them for corporate and community leadership."

INROADS is a national organization with branches in 46 cities. The Charleston chapter has been in place since 1979 and currently has 124 students in its precollege program, along with 50 in college and 89 alumni. It has been operating the summer institute since 1985.

Miller said Wheeling Jesuit was chosen to host this year's institute because of the NASA programs offered at the Center for Educational Technologies, and an interest by WJC President Fr. Thomas Acker, S.J., and the Bernard McDonough Foundation in getting more minority students to attend West Virginia colleges.

Christopher Smitherman, director of campus life at WJC and the business finance instructor at the institute, said the program fits Wheeling Jesuit's mission.

"We were picked as host because we're committed to providing opportunities to diverse people and giving our faculty and administrators an opportunity to manage ethnic diversity," he said. "The objective of the INROADS program is for these students to be able to participate in corporate America."

The students at the summer institute received instruction in business finance, pre-calculus, physics and technical writing. They also heard from six prominent speakers who have made their marks in the business world.

· Joseph P Allen, director of marketing and economic development for the National Technology Transfer Center. · Jeanne Gasiorowski, manager of the Teacher source Center, a division of the Classroom of the Future at Wheeling Je-

• Diana Green, senior vice president, customer operations, for Duquesne Light Co. and a member of the WJC Board of Directors.

- Jack Nuckols, associate professor and chair of the department of printing at the West Virginia Institute of Technology.
- Barbara Smitherman, retired researcher in quality improvement for the Cincinnati, OH, Public Schools.
- Dr. Herbert Smitherman, assistant vice president of academic affairs at Wilberforce University.

To qualify for the summer institute, INROADS members had to maintain a 3.0 grade point average and participate in two or three extracurricular activities as well as community service.

For the fourth consecutive year, the college hosted the Math/Science Upward Bound, welcoming 40 students from a six-state region for six weeks of intensive training which began June 18.

The theme of the program was "Destination Mars" with Sr. Karen Bland, WJC Associate Academic Dean, serving as director, and Sr. Sandra DeNardis, chair of the biology department, as coordinator.

"We gear the activities so the students will be utilizing their math and science skills to look at life outside this planet," DeNardis said.

The Challenger Learning Center was utilized as part of this year's program. Students were trained as specialists in preparation for a simulated space mission.

The Upward Bound program is offered to ninth- and 10th-grade students who are potentially the first in their families to ever attend college. Along with their instruction, the students will work on scientific research alongside Wheeling Jesuit College faculty.



Students discuss a problem at INROADS '95, a pre-college summer institute hosted by Wheeling Jesuit in June. The 10-year-old institute came to Wheeling for the first time in 1995 and attracted 90 students.

### Karen Bland to Lead Benedictine Order

Sr. Karen Bland

Associate Academic Dean Leaving After 7 Years

Sr. Karen Bland, associate academic dean at Wheeling Jesuit College, has been appointed Prioress/President of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

Bland, who has been a member of the Benedictine order for 41 years, will oversee 100 sisters in the Chicago community. She officially began her new

position June 25, and will work weekends in Chicago and weekdays at Wheeling Jesuit through the middle of August

"The Benedictine community is 1,515 years old, the oldest order in the church," Bland said. "It's a monastic community preserving the traditions of the divine office, hospitality and stewardship."

The Benedictines came to America in 1852, and established the Chicago community in 1861. The Chicago operations include ministries in St. Louis and Colorado, along with a high school called St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago and a boarding school named St. Scholastica Academy in Colorado.

Bland will become president of the two corporations which operate the schools and a member of both schools' boards of directors.

The community has sisters serving as hospital chaplains, prison chaplains, workers in parish ministries, social workers and educators in colleges and secondary and elementary schools. It also operates a 16-bed infirmary.

Bland came to Wheeling Jesuit College seven years ago as assistant academic vice president, and was moved to her current position after some reorganization took place a year later.

She said that when her last day at WJC arrives Aug. 11, she will leave with many fond memories of her days in Wheeling.

"I'll miss the sense of mission the college has, the students we work with and the sense of community among the faculty and staff," Bland said. "I'll miss the challenge this college climate offers, and I'll miss working with a colleague (Academic Vice President Norm Paulhus) who's been very supportive and very collegial. I'll miss the opportunity to be of service to the diocese, and I'll miss the many friends I have here."

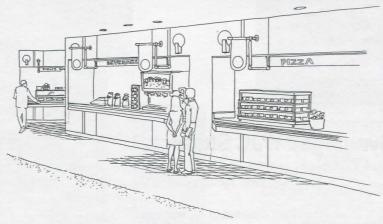
#### **Swint Renovations Include New Theater**

As Climb II of the Summit 2000 capital campaign began this spring, plans were made to renovate Swint Hall's Troy Lounge into a full-fledged theater. Workers are removing the roof from Troy Lounge, which has been used mostly for meetings, lectures and artistic productions.

The theater will grow up and out of Troy Lounge. Offices have been moved to make room for a backstage area. The walls will be raised to 22 feet and a new roof will

be installed--improving lighting, acoustics and ventilation. The area will be air conditioned by extending the duct work from the new cooling system installed above the Benedum Room in 1993.

A flexible seating pattern will hold nearly 300 people. With retractable seats,



A newly remodeled Front Page will greet students this fall. Changes will include increased seating and new pizza ovens.

the theater will be as versatile as before, and the higher ceiling and additional depth provides the college with its first facility dedicated to the performing arts.

"Troy Lounge was in need of major repairs, and as the renovation of Swint Hall continues, this project will continue Wheeling Jesuit's commitment to providing first-rate facilities for our students and faculty," said Stu Strait, vice president for development.

The new theater will cost approximately \$500,000. Other work in Swint Hall this summer includes moving the Student Development office into renovated office space on the third floor. The Adult and Continuing Education department has moved from Swint's third floor to Donahue Hall, making its offices and staff

more accessible to evening division students. In addition, the Front Page will have a new look this fall. The seating capacity has been more than doubled, with enough room for 100 students, and new foods have been added. Part of the renovation includes new pizza ovens.

# **Front Page**

# College Holds 37th Commencement Exercises

More than 300 graduates received degrees at Wheeling Jesuit College's 37th commencement ceremony, held May 13, 1995, at the Oglebay Park Amphitheatre.

The event included a special presentation to honor the college's commitment to the family unit.

Dr. John E. Noonan (pictured below), a 1963 graduate who currently serves as president of Bloomfield College in New Jersey, was the featured speaker at the ceremony.





Elizabeth Mooney, center, accepts an honorary degree dedicated to all families from Wheeling Jesuit College President Fr. Thomas Acker, S.J. The degree was presented to the Mooney family because of its long association with Wheeling Jesuit and its remarkable faith in times of tragedy.

#### **Jesuits Aid Disadvantaged WJC Students**

Since January 1995, the Jesuit Community at Wheeling Jesuit College has contributed \$200,000 to a special scholarship fund for economically disadvantaged persons.

"These funds were added to a scholarship fund established for students who decide to attend Wheeling Jesuit," said Joseph Hayden, S.J., rector of the college's Jesuit Community. "We want to be sure that talented students interested in WJC are not kept from attending the college purely because of financial difficulty."

The endowment fund, which was established by the Jesuit Community, has now reached \$500,000 and counts as part of the Summit 2000 capital campaign.

The college community has been deeply appreciative of the continued expression of faith and commitment by the Jesuit Community at the college.



It was a day of celebration for the graduates as they filed into Oglebay Park to receive their degrees.

# 1995 Alumni Weekend Highlights

Wheeling Jesuit College welcomed back several of its past graduates June 23-25 for the annual Alumni Weekend. One highlight was the Alumni Weekend Awards Dinner, during which Lewis Awards were presented by the Alumni Association to Sr. Joanne Gonter '59 and the late Tim Philipps '62.



John Letzkus '65 apparently has the right card during a spirited Alumni Weekend game.



Graduates brought their sense of humor to Alumni Weekend.



Members of the Class of 1970 enjoy the food and friendship that are always part of Alumni Weekend.

#### College Hosts Health Ethics Forum

"The State of Health Care," a two-day ethics forum examining the medical profession, was held April 20-21 in Troy Lounge.

The program, co-sponsored by the college and Wheeling Hospital, featured three main speakers:

- Dr. Laurence McCullough--director of the Center for Ethics, Medicine and Public Issues at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX, who opened the forum with his views on "The State of Health Care."
- Dr. Sidney Callahan--author, lecturer and college professor with the Hastings Center: Institute of Society Ethics and Life Sciences, who discussed "The Ethics of Health Care."
- Sr. Rosemary Donley, Ph.D.--former Dean of Nursing and current Executive Vice President of the Catholic University of America, who examined "The Ethics of Birth and Death."

The program also had a 12-person panel which included Karen Heusel and Rose Kutlenios of the WJC nursing department and Fr. James O'Brien, S.J., of the college's philosophy department.

The ethics forum was approved by Wheeling Area Continuing Medical Education for 13 credit hours in Category I, applicable toward the AMA's Physician Recognition Award, and for 15.6 contact hours by Wheeling Hospital, an approved provider of the West Virginia Nurses Association.

# Remembering Tim Philipps

#### '62 Graduate Was Respected Professor and Treasured Friend



Tim Philipps

The late Tim Philipps '62, one of this year's Lewis Award recipients, was known for his folksy manner, his thorough knowledge of tax law and his love for WJC.

Philipps

died of cancer Nov. 27, 1994, at the age of 54. He was a law professor at Washington and Lee University, which dedicated its fall 1994 Law Review to a tribute to him. Sixteen friends and colleagues shared their fondest memories of the instructor they affectionately called "Timmy Tax."

After graduating summa cum laude from Wheeling College with an accounting degree, Phillips moved on to the Georgetown University Law Center where his first roommate was Gerald Uelmen, a Los Angeles-area native who wrote one of the tributes.

Uelmen, who served as part of the defense team in the O.J. Simpson trial, recalled his first impression of his new roommate from West Virginia.

"I remember walking into the room at Old North and seeing a spittoon," Uelmen said. "The person it belonged to obviously didn't have good aim."

Uelmen grew to appreciate Philipps and his love for Hank Williams and Iron City beer, and even visited Philipps' home. There Uelmen saw first-hand the down-home philosophy that shaped Philipps' life, such as the three most important lessons he said he learned as a child: be nice, don't talk back and don't jump on the bed.

Another tribute in the Law Review came from Georgetown classmate John M. Post, an attorney in Roseland, NJ, who recalled the pride Philipps had in his Wheeling College education. He cited a conversation between Philipps and the Rev. Joseph Snee, S.J., who Post called Georgetown's version of Professor Kingsfield, the tough teacher from the movie, "The Paper Chase."

Philipps had boldly told Snee that he had learned more agency law in a business law course in Wheeling than he had in Snee's class. Snee responded, "We'll see how much agency law you know when I grade your paper." Philipps, always ready for a challenge, promised to get the highest grade in the class, which he did.

Philipps' pride in Wheeling College was also on display in a letter published in the June 24, 1992, Washington Post in which he defended the federal research grants the school was receiving.

"I hold degrees from Wheeling Jesuit, Georgetown and Harvard," Philipps wrote. "The quality of education I received at Wheeling Jesuit was the best of those three institutions."

Post, who first met Philipps in 1965, said the most remarkable thing about him was "the force of his intellect combined with a tremendous integrity--intellectually and morally." He said that integrity came through Philipps' Jesuit education and his friendship with Fr. Gordon Henderson, an instructor at Wheeling College.

Post's tribute concludes, "During a talk Tim gave recently at Washington and Lee, he reflected on his life, saying that as a teacher his overriding goal had been to help his students be better people. He had the same effect on his friends."

Philipps also enjoyed a reputation as a basketball star despite his stature--5'6" and 115 pounds. He played at Wheeling College, but enjoyed his greatest on-court glory at Barnesville High School, where he set a school record that still stands by scoring 61 points against Bethesda.

Philipps' basketball heroics were mentioned in a tribute authored by Frederick P. Stamp Jr., chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Stamp also fondly recalled the days in 1993 when Philipps took a sabbatical leave from teaching and spent a few months as a law clerk in the judge's court.

"He called and said he had never been a law clerk for a federal or state judge," Stamp said, "and it was an experience he thought would be an important one for a young lawyer."

Stamp remembered Philipps as an intelligent person with a wonderful sense of humor who turned out to be delightful company and a good law clerk.

"The teaching and practice of law will always be better served if there are people like Tim Philipps devoted to it," Stamp wrote.

A 1 s o winning a 1995 Lewis Award was



Sr. Joanne Gonter

Sr. Joanne Gonter, a life-long resident of Wheeling and a member of the WJC family for 34 years. She was part of the college's first graduating class in 1959, obtaining a chemistry degree, and was one of 90 freshmen welcomed by the 12 original Jesuits to the campus in September of 1955.

She currently teaches philosophy, logic and religion at Mount de Chantal, where she also serves as alumnae director.

# Doctor Heals Physical, Psychological Scars of Burn Victims By Carl Hill



he physical pain from suffering a severe burn can sometimes be matched by the psychological trauma of adjusting to the scars the burn leaves behind. That's why the process of healing the whole person is emphasized by Dr. Charles Cuono '65, director of the Yale Burn Center in New Haven, CT.

Cuono medical training began with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Wheeling College, where he said he also got the exposure to Jesuit philosophy which helped him develop a desire to benefit others.

"I really owe a great deal to Wheeling Jesuit and faculty who, at a formative stage, influenced me to look at things in the big picture of helping people," Cuono said. "It also has played a role in terms of scientific candor. I remember taking logic and epistomology during my freshman and sophomore years. It had a profound influence on my thinking process."

Cuono, who has pioneered new techniques in reconstructive surgery, said he took an interest in helping burn victims early in his career.

"The care of acute burns and reconstruction held an appeal for me as an area where patients could be benefitted quite a bit," Cuono said. "It's an area where you're tring to bring patients to some semblence of normalcy, as opposed to the cosmetic aspect of surgery where you're trying to turn back the clock."

The Yale Burn Center is dedicated to treating not only burns, but other injuries or afflictions to the skin which could be life-threatening.

The center focuses on treating all of the patient's needs by including psychologists on its staff with special expertise in dealing with burn-disfigured patients, as well as nutritionists, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

"Our skin, particularly our facial and hand skin, is sort of our visual signature in a social setting," Cuono said. "Patients who have burn injuries have a lot of difficulty coming to grips with it because of their perception of how they appear in a social context."

He added that the emphasis is on turning patients from burn victims into burn survivors. To help further that goal, Cuono developed the Yale Burn Support Group seven years ago.

After patients are discharged, they are encouraged to attend the support group's monthly meetings to discuss some of their problems with each other and with a group of people who have survived severe burns in the past.

"Talking with other people who have been through the same thing helps in a way you have to see to belive," Cuono said.

Another of Cuono's accomplishments is the Yale Skin Bank, which he developed 10 years ago in response to the need to get

life-saving skin shavings from deceased donors to use for patients. At the time, there were only 12 skin banks in the United States and it was very difficult to get skin to aid burn patients.

The number of skin banks has doubled in the past decade, but Cuono said that is still not enough. The estimated usage of donated skin in the United States is 6,000 square feet per year, about one quarter of what is needed. The Yale Skin Bank has now become an exporter, sending skin to doctors in Germany, France and Belgium.

"The gift of skin shavings is a life-saving resource," Cuono said. "A lot of people think that when you donate skin it's like taking the skin off a chicken leg or dressing a deer, but we don't take the whole skin. We just take 15 thousandths of an inch, and preserve those skin shavings in a living state."

Skin can be stored for three years if maintained at minus 196 degrees Centrigrade, the temperature of liquid nitrogen. The cold temperatures don't do any harm to skin, but some damage can occur through the processes of freezing and thawing.

As a result of having a skin bank available, Cuono was able to develop the Composite Auto-Allo Skin Grafting technique, which has become the international standard of care for severe burn injuries.

The technique, used on patients who are burned so badly that a complete skin graft is impractical, involves grafting the burned area with donated skin shavings, then taking a biopsy of the epidermis from an unburned area of the patient. Because epidermal cells can be grown in a lab, sheets of them are created large enough to cover the burn area.

The donated epidermis is then sanded off, leaving a healthy layer of dermis on the patient, which is then covered by the epidermis from the lab.

In addition to his other work, Cuono has worked to establish the New England Burn Camp and has been active in the American Association of Tissue Banks. As president of the organization,

he established strict standards for accreditation and testified on federal regulation of tissue banking before the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Relations.

Cuono is also a member of the research advisory board for Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, an organization which focues on children who have suffered burns or who have congenital orthopedic problems or spinal cord injuries. The eight-person board reveiws grant applications from Shriners hospitals and determines which have the most scientific merit.



Dr. Charles Cuono

# NTTC Technology: Taking a Byte Out of Crime

By Gerrill L. Griffith

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heeling Jesuit College is helping America get tough on crime by giving a technology boost to local law enforcement agencies through its National Technology Transfer Center (NTTC).

NTTC recently joined forces with the National Institute of Justice -- a

division of the U.S. Department of Justice -- to create the Office of Law Enforcement Technology Commercialization (OLETC) in Wheeling.

NTTC Executive Director Lee W. Rivers said the new office is committed to commercializing law enforcement technologies developed in the federal laboratory system by putting state-of-the-

art law enforcement products into the hands of law enforcement officers throughout the U.S.

"You can put more officers on the street," he explained, "but the best approach is making the officers we have better equipped to deal with the situations they face every single day, and doing it economically."

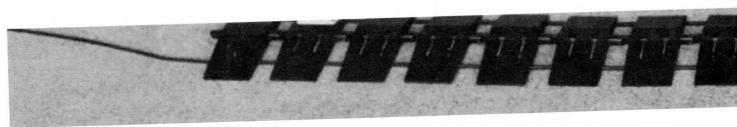
OLETC will assess the needs of law enforcement agencies, approach federal research and development sources to locate new technologies that can be adapted for law enforcement use, and assist in converting technology ideas into manufactured products that satisfy the technology needs of police.

Rivers said a key to the effort is searching for new technologies that can be mass produced and sold to local law enforcement officials at a reasonable cost.

"Generally, local police chiefs can't afford a \$10,000 piece of equipment," he said. "But they can afford an innovation that costs several hundred dollars. Our challenge is to identify those technologies, find manufacturers to produce them and will, in turn, get them out to police agencies."

He said there are numerous examples of law enforcement technologies that the new OLETC project has in process. He said one promising technology is a remote controlled retractable spiked barrier strip that deflates the tires on the autos of fleeing suspects, eliminating high speed chase hazards (pictured below).

The technology was developed in the Idaho National Research Laboratory and is ready to be adapted and manufactured





A backseat airbag for police cars to help restrain out-of-control suspects is one of the new technologies developed in federal laboratories. The device is made from a special fiber that allows the person to breathe but restricts movement.

for release to law enforcement agencies. Rivers said OLETC is searching for a manufacturer for the new product.

Other new law enforcement technologies that the OLETC is pursuing with federal laboratories and private companies include:

- A smart gun that only may be fired by its owner;
- A pepper spray launcher/dispenser to be used in hostage situations; and
- A disabling net and launcher system that deploys a lightweight net to capture escaping suspects.

OLETC will be under the direction of a veteran player in the transfer of federal technologies from the military to industry. Nicholas Montanarelli was named director of the office in June. Montanarelli's work in technology transfer led to the development of airline hijacking prevention measures and light-

weight body armor.

With 30 years of military and civilian experience in research and development and technology transfer, Montanarelli has received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Technology Transfer from the Technology Utilization Foundation.

He joined NTTC at Wheeling Jesuit from the University of Central Florida at Orlando where he served as a faculty member and special assistant to the federal Technology Reinvestment Program for the past year. He was deputy director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization Technology Application Program for eight years.

Montanarelli has

held many other key federal technology transfer positions including program director of East-West Trade in the Department of Defense at the Pentagon;

s p e c i a l assistant in the Office of Science and Technology Policy at the W h i t e House; and program manager at the National Science Foundation.

Rivers said the new endeavor will help make Wheeling Jesuit's NTTC major hub in bringing new forces to bear on America's war crime.



# Flying With Wings of Hope

# WJC Grad Conducts Humanitarian Missions in Belize By Carl Hill

ook, up in the sky! It's not a bird; it's a plane, and the pilot inside must seem like Superman to the villagers who rely on him for medical care.

These real-life super heroes are the men and women who work for Wings of Hope, a non-profit, n o n - d e n o m i n a t i o n a l organization that provides airplane service to medical facilities in underdeveloped nations.

One of those pilots was John Davis '67, who spent six months in the Central American nation of Belize in 1994 flying emergency cases to the country's main hospital.

"It was a good opportunity to help others," said Davis, who credited his Jesuit training with helping him to survive under sometimes difficult circumstances. "I felt like I truly made a difference. The cultural exposure was wonderful. My Spanish teacher was seven years old. You learn a lot about yourself in times like this. I came back with a lot better view on life."

Davis joined Wings of Hope shortly after being let go from a job as a pilot in Raleigh, NC. He said he had known of the Wings of Hope organization for 15-20 years and viewed the job loss as a chance to volunteer his services.

Flying through small Central American villages carries a significant risk of danger. Davis said Belize has five or six

unimproved dirt runways that serve as airports. He flew a single-engine airplane over jungle territory with only a survival kit, some machetes and two radios.

"If you go down, you are almost certainly gone," Davis said. "A friend of mine flew in Indonesia for 25 years. He said that if anyone crashed, they would send a rescue team after three days. The only way to tell where the plane went down was to see where the trees had died.

"About a week before I was going to leave, I thought 'I can't do this.' You have to come to an agreement with the Lord. I said 'If



do this.' You have to John Davis was stationed at San Pedro A come to an agreement flying medical aid flights for Wings of Hope. with the Lord. I said 'If and dangerous flying conditions while won

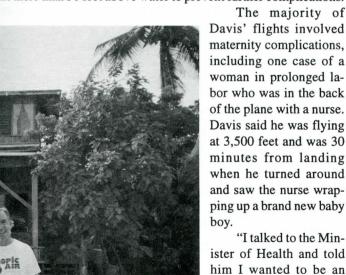
I'm going to go down there, I'll give it my best shot, but I can't do it without Your help. I'm going to make the effort and I would appreciate it if you keep me safe while I'm down there."

Davis' stay in Belize was filled with both heartbreak and exhilaration. On his second day there, he had to help a nine-year-old boy who got his foot caught in a stirrup while corralling horses and was badly hurt after being dragged through a field. Davis flew the boy to the hospital along with his father and a nurse.

"I was in town the next day talking to the father, a Belizian man about my age," Davis said. "He had two sons, 12 and nine, but he said the nine-year-old was his favorite son. While I was talking to him, they told him his son did not make it."

Davis encountered a number of stabbing cases, as well as a man who fractured five vertebrae diving into less than two feet of water and a boy who fell out of a tree and broke both wrists. Scuba diving accidents are also common in Belize. The airport has a hyperbaric chamber, designed to relieve a condition from sudden pressure changes known as "the bends." Patients with this condition must be flown at a height of

no more than 50 feet above water to prevent further complications.



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uncle," Davis said.

The story of Wings

of Hope actually began

with a flying nun. The

woman, working in Af-

rica in the early 1960s,

was piloting a small

uring his six-month stay in Belize while and to deal with extremely hot temperatures the humanitarian organization.



A patient who damaged several vertebrae after diving into two feet of water is loaded onto a Wings of Hope plane for a flight to Merida, Mexico.

# OF HOPE Inc.

plane around the continent but was having problems with hyenas eating the plane's cloth fabric cover. She appealed to a friend in St. Louis and asked for help.

He responded by finding a metal plane, renovating it and delivering it to her. Word spread quickly and other requests

started coming in. Since that time, Wings of Hope has placed more than 100 airplanes worldwide.

The organization finds planes, repairs them, installs the proper radios and landing gear and modifies the wings to fly in and out of small airports. Wings of Hope is staffed 99 percent by volunteers, mostly retired McDonnell-Douglas employees.

Wings of Hope operates two planes in Belize, a small country south of the Mexican Yucatan peninsula. Davis was stationed in a small town called San Pedro on the southern end of the island. In the summer, temperatures averaged 90-95 degrees, with humidity near 100 percent.

Night falls at about 7:15 p.m., and there are no street lights. The multi-cultural population speaks Spanish, English, Arabic, French, Chinese, Creole and Garifuna. Dietary staples include chicken, rice and beans, but Davis also tried two local delicacies--cow's foot soup and "royal rat," a rodent indigenous to the area.

Davis said he relied on faith to help him endure the difficult conditions, adding that his background in Jesuit philosophy gave him the character to volunteer for such a difficult assignment.

"Jesuit education gives a person a sense of ethics, a sense of morality and a sense of social consciousness which I don't think you could get many other places," he said. "The integration of God and society, which I feel is the basic fabric of Jesuit education, is really what makes the difference. You can be educated anywhere, but you can't get the values system, awareness and consciousness at other schools."

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# The Epicenter of a Nation's Sorrow

Alumnus Had First-Hand Look at Oklahoma City Tragedy By Carl Hill

n April 19, 1995, an explosion in Oklahoma City ripped through the heart of America.

The nine-story Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, demolished by 150 pounds of explosives, became a national symbol of terror and tragedy. As the death toll continued to rise-eventually reaching 168-a sense of shock and bereavement engulfed the nation, but the emotions hit hardest in Oklahoma City.

John Oldfield '68, is an attorney in Oklahoma City

whose office is no more than eight blocks away from the site where the Federal building that it was all gone," he said. "It was a glass front, so it was vulnerable.

Building used to stand.
The explosion was so strong that it shook his building and blew out several windows. He raced to the blast site, arriving 12 minutes after the explosion occurred, and immediately got a sense of the horror that was unfolding.

"I could see from the front of the

"It's hard to find someone in the city who didn't have a loss of some kind, either personal or economic."

- John Oldfield

There was no structural integrity. It shattered the front of the building. There

was no question that 100-200 people were killed."

As an attorney, Oldfield contributed to the cleanup by representing Oklahoma City in dealing with the firefighters, police officers and rescue teams from outside the area who came to assist with the relief effort. He congratulated everyone who helped clear debris and search for victims, including his wife, Marilyn, and daughter, Meredith, both of whom worked for the Red Cross.

Oldfield noted that people often overlook the psychological trauma endured by rescuers.

"The rescue effort was extraordinary," he said. "It went on 24 hours a day. If someone would ask for volunteers, they would get 10 times as many as they needed.

"Initially, they were trying to save those who might have survived the initial blast. It was like a battlefield. When you looked at it, it was numbing. Every day I drove by the building they were taking bodies out. It's a constant reminder of how vulnerable we are, because Oklahoma City is of little political consequence."

Oldfield com-

pared the destruction to the sights he witnessed as a Marine in Vietnam. Several



building they were Rescue teams in Oklahoma City use a crane to help search for victims and remove taking bodies out. It's debris in the aftermath of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. There a constant reminder were 168 fatalities in the bombing, which involved 150 pounds of explosives. Rescue of how vulnerable we teams came to Oklahoma City from all over the southwestern United States to help with are, because Okla-

Photo by Jim Argo Copyright, 1995, Oklahoma Publishing Company. From the April 21, 1995, issue of The Daily Oklahoman.

cars were on fire, and the first victims were being loaded into ambulances as he

arrived. At first he thought a gas explosion had occurred, but when he reached the scene, the blast was believed to be a terrorist action and there were rumors that another bomb was still on site.

Three of the fatalities from the explosion were people from the same parish as Oldfield, and he was acquainted with several other victims as well.

"This is a medium-sized community," he said, "and when you know the people involved, that really brings it home. But it's enlightening and comforting that things came about the way they did after the bombing. I'm proud of the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and all the churches that pitched in."

Many of the people who lost family members in the explosion were attracted to Oklahoma City because it had seemed like a relatively safe community in middle America. Oldfield's father was born there, but the family was living in Alexandria, VA, when Oldfield decided to attend Wheeling College.

After graduation, he spent a few years in the Marine Corps, then was accepted by the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where he met his wife. Oldfield is now an associate professor of law at the university--teaching personal injury litigation--in addition to operating his private law practice.

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Oldfield said he likes living in Okla-

who didn't have a loss of some kind, ei-

homa and particularly admires the city for

ther personal or economic," he said.

From a lawyer's perspective, his first piece of advice for those representing the bombing suspects would be to seek a change of venue to get the trial away from

Oklahoma City.

#### "When the building was imploded and brought down, it was really a relief to everybody.

- John Oldfield

the way it has responded psychologically to the tragedy.

"For the first 30 days following the bombing, there was really a state of depression," he said. "When the building

> was imploded brought down, it was really a relief to everybody. It was such a monument to everything that had gone on. It was a somber time, but

there has been a change of personality in the city. Now that the funerals are over, people are getting back to their lives."

A memorial may someday mark the spot of the Murrah building, and the trial of Timothy McVeigh will undoubtedly reopen some psychological wounds, but for now Oklahoma City is left alone with memories-of the 168 dead, of the tragic search for victims and of those agonizing days in April when shared grief with an entire nation.



John Oldfield

Oldfield took away at least one valuable lesson from the tragedy.

"Maybe you should tell the people around you in the morning that you love them," he said, "and not take it for granted that they will be there in the afternoon."



Rescuers conduct a floor-by-floor search of each office in the federal building in hopes of locating survivors. Rescue efforts were conducted 24 hours a day despite the instability of the building.

Photo by Paul Hellstern

Please feel free to call the Alumni Association at 1-800-888-ALUM regarding alumni listed in Class Notes. We invite you to send current information to share with the WJC family directly to the Alumni Association or via the Class Agent Network. Please send photos whenever possible.

**'59** 

Sr. Joanne Gonter, Class Agent 304-233-3771

'60

John Mensore, Class Agent 304-455-2338

**Carolyn Cannon** is a distribution coordinator for Raymond James in St. Petersburg, FL.

**Dr. Ken Craven** served as visiting associate professor of business communication and technical writing at Sultan Qaboos University in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, during the spring academic term. In 1991-92 he was a visiting professor at Kuwait University. He received the 1994 Mississippi Short Fiction Prize from the Writers Center at the University of Southern Mississippi, and his story, "Paying Attention," appeared in the *Mississippi Review*.

**Ed Dennison** is logistics manager for Parker Amchem in Warren, MI. He is also a member of the board of education for the Center Line Public Schools.

**Phyllis (Faber) Kelley** is project manager for Lockheed Martin in Moorestown, NJ.

'61

Patricia (Ryan) Casey, Class Agent 609-771-1323

**Leo Flanagan** is director of the Silas Bronson Library in Waterbury, CT.

**John McAteer**, deputy permanent representative with the U.S. Department of State, was recently assigned to Rome after four years in Ethiopia and Somalia.

'62

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**Robert Arkle** is director of the Department of Catholic Education and Formation for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

'63

Linda (McAlarney) Cunningham, Class Agent 203-452-0843

**Linda** (McAlarney) Cunningham is an administrative assistant to the vice president of sales for Nitsuko America in Shelton, CT.

'64

Jeffrey McGeary, Class Agent 304-242-3137

Russ Ackermann recently retired from NOAA, Department of Commerce, and is now a senior scientist with Scientech Inc. in Idaho Falls, ID.

**Bonnie** (Vavra) Angelos works in sales for Roche Biomedical Laboratories in Houston, TX.

Mack Hill and his wife, Deanne (Aigner) '64 now have two grandchildren with the birth of Seldon Dean Hill Nov. 23, 1994. He joins brother, Daniel.

**Raymond Shaver** is vice president--internal audit for Avery Dennison Inc. in Pasadena, CA.

William Tobin, a retired security specialist for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recently received an award for exceptional service from the Arlington, VA, Democratic Party.

'65

Paul Rank, Class Agent 304-924-5802

Albert Azzaro recently accepted a position as professor and chair of the department of pharmacology at the Florida College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tarpon Springs. He is also a consultant with Somerset Pharmaceuticals of Tampa.

Mary Kate (Wittig) Davitt is medical director of neonatalogy at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor.

**Dick Gerkin** is a research associate with OSI Specialties in South Charleston, WV. The company was formed when Union Carbide sold its organic silicones business to a New York investment banking company.

**Tina** (**Rodgers**) **Lesher** is journalism coordinator at William Paterson College in New Jersey.

Janet (Polachek) MacDonald received a Master's Public Management degree in Information Systems from Carnegie Mellon University and was recently promoted to senior clinical information specialist with Forbes Health System in Monroeville, PA.

Judith (Renaud) Martin is an associate professor at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon.

**Ann (Kelleher) Monahan** is a computer lab teacher in Nashua, NH.

**Margaret Reehil** is a teacher with Dade County (FL) schools.

**Kathleen (Arentz) Zoga** is a guidance counselor with the Reading (PA) school district.

'66

Lillian (Gangwere) Cale, Class Agent 412-438-3003

Lillian (Gangwere) Cale is director of educational programs for Laurel Caverns in Farmington, PA.

Tom Gale is a quality assurance manager with Ciba-Geigy Corp. in Greensboro, NC. His wife, Carole (Meehan) '66 is a third-grade teacher. They recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Jeanne (Barrett) Hamilton is a research specialist for the Congressional Research Service--Library of Congress in Washington, DC. **Janice** (**LaHood**) **Jones** was recently appointed city clerk for Wheeling.

Rudy Karako is a senior tax accountant with TransTexas Gas Corp. in Houston, TX.

Hank Kieffer is president of the Advanced Materials Group of the Hoechst-Celanese Corp. He and his wife, Betsy (Atterbury) '66 live in Berkeley Heights, NJ.

Sandra (Wunderlich) Neilson and her husband, Michael, had a grandson, Joshua Reed Dance, Dec. 29, 1994.

**Dan Rosing** and his wife **Carol (Muth) '66** became grandparents for the first time when Joshua Warren Buck was born Aug. 30, 1994.

'67

#### James and J'Ann (Schoonmaker) Allen, Class Agents 210-828-9758

Susan (Hoer) Barry is lead programmer/analyst with Norton Company in Worcester, MA.

Michael Farasey is a sales representative for Gulf South Medical Supply in Jackson, MS.

Al Wong, is Station Control Center manager for United Airlines in Denver, CO. He helped design and construct the new airport in Denver, and was in charge of logistics for the move from Stapleton Airport.

'68

#### John Lynch, Class Agent 617-449-3885

Sharon Cassidy is general counsel for the U.S. Steel and Carnegie Pension Fund in New York City.

**Joseph Dressel** is a program manager--research and development with the Naval Sea Systems Command in Arlington, VA.

John Gage was recently re-elected to a fifth term as president of Local 1923 of the American Federation of Government Employees, the largest white collar local in the country. It represents Social Security, Veterans Administration and Health Care Financing Administration employees.

**Brian McCagh** is executive director of the Washington (DC) Cancer Institute, which was featured in a recent publication of the Association of Community Cancer Centers.

Mary (Kotlas) Jenkins is an industrial specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Alexandria, VA.

Michael Myers is department director of Catholic Community Services in Newark, NJ.

Mike Schaeffer is a radiation physicist for the Defense Nuclear Agency in Alexandria, VA. His wife, Judy (Staudt) Schaeffer, is a registered nurse with Pediatric Associates.

Karen (Lisi) Smith is associate director of events and volunteers for Newberry Library in Chicago, IL.

'69

#### Judith Black-DiFazio, Class Agent 517-631-1702

**Barney Dreistadt** is director of managed care strategy and research for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida in Jacksonville.

Ronald Glaser is a senior software engineer in the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab.

**Rick King Jr.** is commander of the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Connecticut.

Bernard Maloy is an associate professor in the division of kinisiology at the University of Michigan.

Michael Scharf is senior vice president and chief financial officer for Bunge Corp. in St. Louis, MO.

'70

#### Vincent Gallagher, Class Agent 614-635-4252

Ron Anton, S.J., is dean of Loyola College (MD) Sellinger School of Business.

Vincent Gallagher was recently promoted to first vice president--investments for Prudential Securities Inc.

Joan McDermott is a professor in the Crime Study Center of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Richard Mercier has been transferred from the U.S. Customs Headquarters in Washington, DC, to a diplomatic position as customs attache to Canada. He is posted at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa.

Christine Pochomis, formerly a vice president for Chase Manhattan Bank, recently was appointed Director of Administration for Delaware's Department of Transportation.

Jeannine (Mantz) Vail is chief executive officer of Vail Research and Tech. Corp. in Alexandria, VA. Along with Robert Mantz '71, she co-created the "Mantz Institute for Assistive Technology" to apply technology to persons with disabilities.

Doreen (Koeblitz) Vincent is a third- and fourthgrade teacher with Orange Schools in Pepper Pike, OH. Jack Zur is a staff announcer for CBS.

'71

#### James Sagona, Class Agent 614-251-4590

Jaime Arreguin-Avila is a personnel management specialist with the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD.

U.S. Navy Capt. Mike Davidson was recently assigned to the Joint Interoperability Test Command in Fort Huachuca, AZ.

Carl "Chip" Riccio is a financial analyst with Honeywell-Skinner Valve Division in New Britain, CT

Margaret Stanek graduated from Jersey City State College with a biology degree in May 1995.

Kathleen (Larkin) Wynne is a Montessori teache in the Yonkers (NY) public school system.

#### '72

#### **Thomas Scheper**, Class Agent 606-341-4173

Gloria Bleil is lead programmer/analyst with GEICO in Fairfax, VA.

**Thomas Burke** is vice president of General Reinsurance Corp. in Hartford, CT.

**Paula Huber** is vice president of book production for Waverly Inc. in Baltimore, MD.

George Reidy is chairman of the math department at School Without Walls in Washington, DC, and is a consultant with the New York-based Ventures in Education. He recently earned a doctorate in higher education and informatics.

**Anne** (Russell) Rossi is a teacher at Sheppard Pratt Hospital's Forbush School in Baltimore, MD.

'73

#### Frederick Hess, Class Agent 609-795-8868

Russ Grant is a permanent deacon with the Venice, FL, diocese, a stockbroker with Old Naples Securities, and a flight instructor with London Helicopters.

**Jean Grondalski** is a senior consulting engineer with Computer Sciences Corp. in Rockville, MD.

**John O'Brien** is practicing law in Philadelphia as an associate with O'Brien and O'Brien. He and his wife, Jo, have three children, J.J., 5, Danielle, 4, and Briana, 2.

Lenore (Little) Tancke is library operations supervisor for the Glendale (AZ) Public Library.

Stephen Toth is director of manufacturing for Kendall International in Norwell, MA. His wife, Jennifer (Mellin) '74, is a sales representative for Mattel Toys. They have two children, Stephen, 17, and Annie, 9.

'74

#### John Giese, Class Agent 215-970-9432

**Donna Connolly** works for the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo.

Jim O'Neill is deputy superintendent of the Anne Arundel County (MD) Detention Center. His wife, Carolyn (Evosevic) '73 is a speech therapist with the county schools.

Jack Tokarz was appointed deputy commissioner of the Department of Corrections for the state of Connecticut Jan. 27. 1995. He is second in command of a department with more than 7,000 employees and an annual budget of more than \$500 million per year. He and his wife, Sue, have a daughter, Amy, 14, and a son, Greg, 11.

'75

Mary Anne (Saseen) Richards, Class Agent 412-687-7861

Roger Conroy is an assistant auditor for the state of Ohio.

# Homecoming

Alumni Party Saturday, October 28, 1995 6:00 P.M.

Join the fun at the Erickson Alumni Center for Beer and Brautwurst, Beverages and FUN!
• RATT Halloween Party on Thursday

Thursday, October 26
Volleyball vs. Alderson Broaddus
Saturday, October 28
Volleyball vs. WV Wesleyan

Dance on Friday

RSVP by October 20 1- 800-888-ALUM Saturday, October 28
Men's Soccer vs. TBA
Saturday, October 28
Women's Soccer vs. Georgia Court

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Patrick J. Kellinger is assistant vice president of Heller Financial Inc. in Owings Mills, MD.

**John Stopper** is a regional manager with Legent Corporation in New York City. He and his wife, Betsi, have two children, Erica, 6, and Luke, 2.

Louis Allan Yurkovitch is a zone technology coordinator for Kroger in St. Clairsville, OH.

'76

#### Stephen Hydock II, Class Agent 304-755-7473

Roseann (Rosnick) Kulevich is an administrator with the Presbyterian Association on Aging in Oakmont, PA, and is active in Pittsburgh community theater. She has a son, Jonathan, 9.

Luciano Muzzatti is general manager of Filomena Ristorante Italiano in Washington, DC.

777

#### Marilou (Gross) Doughty, Class Agent 610-630-0213

Paul Currie is co-owner of Energy Publishing in Rosemont, PA.

Susan (Farrell) Gilmer is president of Coordinated Insurance Services Inc. in Pittsburgh, PA. She and her husband, Barry, have two daughters, Kelly, 3, and Shannon, 1.

William Matheny Jr. is a student at Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary.

Peter Mitchell practices law in Maryland and the District of Columbia and is employed by the Montgomery County (MD) Human Relations Commission. He appears on page 85 of a recently published book, "The Potomac, a Nation's River," which is available from Cannon Graphics Inc. in Charleston, WV.

**Thadd Obecny** is a partner in the accounting firm of Griffin, Edelman, Glatz and Obecny in Wheeling.

**Brian Steer** is a proofreader for Tursack Printing and a self-employed editor with Steer Creative Services. in Pottstown, PA.

'78

#### M. Roberta (Metz) Welling, Class Agent 304-243-1598

**Sr. Mary Justina Cox** of Martinsburg, WV, recently graduated from a spiritual directors' institute.

Joan (Doverspike) Davison is an associate professor of politics at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. She participated in a recent peacekeeping and conflict resolution seminar at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, DC, and in 1993 spent two weeks in Russia at the St. Petersburg Institute studying demoratization and marketization.

**Barbara** (Maruish) Haning is in private practice with the Beardon Counseling Group in Knoxville, TN.

**Kevin Monahan** is director of the Jacksonville (FL) Small Business Advisory Council.

**George Saseen** is a physical scientist with the U.S. government in Triadelphia, WV.

'79

#### Anne (Exner) Moran, Class Agent 215-259-8020

Scott Calwell III is a title abstractor with Mid-Atlantic Title Co. in Towson, MD.

Mary Lou Petrisko is a child and adolescent therapist for Mulberry Psychological and Counseling Associates in Evansville, IN.

Janet Rectenwald, SFCC, is a pastoral associate with the Catholic Community of Ironton, OH.

'80

#### Paul Mulholland, Class Agent 215-874-7561

John Bradley Jr. works in sales for Tapered Systems and Roofing Supply in Akron, OH. He and his wife, Ellen (Hoffman) '83, have three children, Lauren, 8, Martin, 6, and Colin, 3.

John Busack is a customer services officer for Wesbanco in Wheeling.

**Kathy** (McKee) Gordo is a pre-school teacher and assistant manager at Pier 1 Imports in Lawrenceville, GA. She and her husband, Martin, have two sons, Steven and Tommy.

'81

#### Kathy (Scampoli) Moore, Class Agent 516-244-8524

William Blayney sells personal computer-based imaging systems for Lopez and Church in southern Maine. He and his wife, Margaret, have three children, Jack, 6, Nancy, 3, and Danny, 1.

Mary Ann Deegan is a staff nurse at Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA.

Leigh Ann (Arslain) Kademenos is a triage nurse with Rogers and Rothermel MDs Inc. in Dublin, OH. She has two children, James, 7, and Peter, 1.

Linda (Correll) Leonard is a registered nurse in the burn unit at Western Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA.

**Janie** (Patrone) Reese is director of AIDS clinical research at the University of Miami, FL.

Lisa (Hoffman) Rios works for Health Network International, a non-profit organization in Paris, France. She is also establishing and implementing CPR programs in Paris and is looking at the possibility of establishing an M.S.N. program. Her husband, Frederick, works at the American embassy.

#### '82

#### Vera (Barton) Caro, Class Agent 304-242-6641

Lisa Kay (Rhodes) George is director of materials management/physician services for Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin, MD.

**Mark Joseph** is president of Summit Consulting in Wheeling.

Joyce (Kaczynski) McCarthy is a per diem medical technician in the microbiology lab at Braddock Medical Center. She is also a part-time physician lab consultant and assistant girls' basketball coach at Penn Hills (PA) High School. She and her husband, Mike, have two children, Laura, 6, and Morgan, 3.

Jim McHugh made two presentations this spring at the Widener University School of Law's Continuing Legal Education Series. They focused on "Criminal Trial Tactics and Dynamics" and were titled, "Jury Selection: Stop Losing Cases You Should Win!" and "Investigation and How to Use It."

**Karen (Carr) Mendolia** is manager of corporate human resources for the Allegheny Health Education and Research Foundation in Pittsburgh, PA.

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Calvin Mitchell recently completed a six-month overseas deployment aboard the aircraft carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower, including duty in the Persian Gulf near Iraq and in the Adriatic Sea off Bosnia-Herzegovina. Mitchell was one of 5,000 sailors and Marines who completed the 44,000-mile voyage on the ship, which supported the effort to deter Iraqi aggression on the Arabian peninsula and helped enforce the no-fly zone over southern Iraq. The carrier also supported international efforts off the coast of Bosnia by protecting humanitarian relief flights and enforcing international sanctions against the former Yugoslavian republic. During its 140 days at sea, the carrier also visited France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Spain, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

James O'Connell has joined the law firm of Petree Stockton, L.L.P., and will practice in Raleigh, NC. His practice is concentrated in the areas of mergers and acquisitions; federal and state taxation of individuals, corporations and partnerships; other commercial transactions and regulation of insurance companies.



'83

#### Geoffrey O'Neill, Class Agent 203-732-3538

Francesca (Saggio) Battista is a registered nurse at Rutland (VT) Regional Medical Center and a bookkeeper with Family Dental Associates in Rutland.

Lisa LaCasse is manager of media planning for the Nissan and Infiniti divisions of Motor Corporation U.S.A. in Gardena, CA.

Ashley Levitt is owner of Just Cards in Wheeling.

John Maris is a pediatric oncologist with the
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PA.

**James McDermott** is a resident physician at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Mark Spence is national service coordinator for Colonial Health System in Arlington, VA.

Roger Wade is an electronics repairman for Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel.

'84

#### Kathleen Carrigan, Class Agent 412-441-0722

Mary Beth Angotti-Hare is a staff attorney with the North Central West Virginia Legal Aid Society in Morgantown.

Janet (Calovini) Hissrich is treasurer of the Barnesville (OH) Exempted Village School District.

Ray Murray is district sales manager for medical sales with Marquette Electronics in Baltimore, MD.

**Robert Ritz** is executive vice president and chief operating officer of Monongalia General Hospital in Morgantown, WV.

'85

#### Courtney (Cosgrove) Muse, Class Agent 412-741-3890

**Joan Lantry** recently retired from Jefferson Technical College after working there more than 18 years.

**Teresa McGee** is a teacher at Bishop O'Hara High School in Dunmore, PA.

**Kevin O'Neil** is an analyst for Bell Atlantic Corporation in Silver Spring, MD.

'86

#### Elena Colianni, Class Agent 703-548-5419

Annette Butler is an assistant professor of mathematics at Belmont Technical College in St. Clairsville, OH.

Elizabeth (Spradling) DiDonato is a medical technologist at Pratt Medical Center in Fredericksburg, VA. She and her husband, Nicholas, have four children, Nicholas, 6, Noah, 4, Nolan, 2, and Nathan, 6 months.

**Gerry Schroer** is president of Avalon Distributing in Fulton, OH.

'87

#### Mark Mancinelli, Class Agent 404-642-1066

Jade Gingerich is a resource associate for HEATH Clearinghouse in Washington, DC, which provides postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities.

William Paras is an assistant investment officer for Wesbanco in Wheeling.

Judith (Smith) Wilkinson is a counselor with the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center in Charleston Catholic High School in Charleston, WV.

'88

#### Catherine (Wirts) Wheeler, Class Agent 410-744-8634

**Phillip Carney** is a supervisor for W. Bishop Co. in Middleburg Heights, OH.

Michael Davis is a manager accountant with James Anderson and Associates, CPAs, in Glen Burnie, MD.

William Fischer is a general dentist with Ohio Valley Dental Associates in St. Clairsville, OH.

**Darren Francis** is a forensic scientist with the West Virginia State Police in South Charleston.

**Catherine Wheeler** is a specialist with Bell Atlantic in Silver Spring, MD.

Lisa (Gartrell) Yingling is a customer service supervisor for Chevy Chase Federal Savings Bank in Frederick, MD.

'89

#### Michael Connor, Class Agent 215-544-8952

Eric Auberger is a caseworker/activities person at Maplewood Children's Home in Burlington, KY.

Shirley (Cronin) Barnett is a preceptor in the psychiatric unit of the West Palm Beach (FL) Medical Center. She appeared in "Who's Who in Nursing."

Janet (Huang) Fitzpatrick graduated June 2 from Hahnemann University School of Medicine. During the graduation ceremony, she received the Daniel Mason, M.D., Award for Excellence in Cardiovascular Clinical Work. She began her residency in internal medicine at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia in June.

John Och is a staff accountant with Griffin, Edelman, Glatz and Obecny, CPAs, in Wheeling.

Mirian Saez is a special assistant with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC.

**Karen (Sailer) DeVries** is an account executive with R.J. Goldstein and Associates Inc. in Fairfield, NJ.

**Brian Tice** is major accounts manager for Crown Lift Trucks in Elmwood Park, NJ.

'90

#### Dr. Michael Leach, Class Agent 412-788-1279

**Kevin Curran** is a financial advisor for Prudential Securities Inc. in Naples, FL.

**Kevin Duff** graduated from the Benedum School of Medical Technology at West Penn Hospital in August of 1994, and is currently employed at East Liverpool (OH) City Hospital. He recently received a Best Abstract

#### Alumnus Aided in O'Grady Rescue Mission

A Wheeling Jesuit College graduate was part of the recent rescue mission of American fighter pilot Scott O'Grady in Bosnia.

Marine Capt. Kent E. Wheeler, a member of WJC's Class of 1990, provided support for the mission while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Wheeler aided fellow Marines as they planned and executed the rescue operation.

Wheeler is one of 4,000 Marines and sailors who make up the three-ship U.S.S. Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group, which also includes the amphibious transport dock U.S.S. Nashville and the dock landing ship U.S.S. Pensacola. He is currently halfway through a six-month overseas deployment and has spent the majority of the voyage at sea in the Adriatic.

John Mansuy, assistant professor of management at Wheeling Jesuit College, remembers Wheeler as a committed soldier and student.

"He liked military life and had a sense of duty for his country," Mansuy said. "He was a dedicated student, too. I think the Marines helped him get that dedication.

Wheeler joined the Marine Corps in May 1990 on the day he graduated from WJC. His home town is Fort Myers, Fla.

The rescue team that retrieved O'Grady flew 87 miles into Bosnia aboard two Marine CH-53E Super Stallion and two AH 1W Cobra helicopters in company with two AV8B Harrier attack jets.

With the Cobra helicopters and the Harrier jets providing airborne cover, the two rescue helicopters landed and Marines fanned out to set up a defensive perimeter. Within seconds, O'Grady was running from the woods toward the helicopters and was pulled aboard. The rescue team lifted off after spending less than two minutes on Bosnian soil.

On the flight back to the amphibious assault ship U.S.S. Kearsarge, the rescue team was fired upon from the ground by at least one surface-to-air missile and various small arms fire. The helicopters received hits from small arms fire, but no one aboard was injured.

Marines had been notified to be ready for a rescue mission in case O'Grady was still alive. Confirmation of O'Grady's survival was received early June 8 and the mission was launched

Award for a project he presented at CliniChem '94 in Springfield, MA.

Michelle (Conkel) Koval is manager of the Whole Donut in Vermont.

Michael Mansuetto is a postdoctoral appointee in the chemical technology division of Argonne (IL) National Laboratory.

Susan Mehalik is director of human resources and auxiliary services for Bethany College.

**Scott Oliveto** is a computer systems engineer for MicroAge in Columbus, OH.

**Tamika (Miller) Tedrow** was recently promoted to program coordinator for REM-WV Inc. in Wheeling.

A.C. Wiethe Jr. is a grant administrator for Bel-O-Mar Regional Council and Interstate Planning Commission in Wheeling.

**Stephen Wobber** is west coast district manager for Durowal Inc. in Arlington Heights, IL. He manages a territory which stretches from California to British Columbia.

'91

#### Anne Gemensky, Class Agent 614-457-2926

Wilma (Dell) Groethe is a registered nurse at Washington (PA) Hospital. She is also in the family nurse practitioner program at the University of Pittsburgh. She and her husband, Anthony, have a son, Anthony, 7.

David Hoppe recently completed a Master's in Computer Science/Software Engineering at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He is a software engineer at ABB Simcon, an international petrochemical simulation firm.

**Mary Myers** is supervisor of the reservation center for Thrifty Car Rental in the Baltimore, MD, area.

Anna Marie Troiani is area coordinator of the Garden Apartment Complex for the University of Dayton, OH. She is also a faculty member and received an M.S.Ed. in May of 1994.

Janet Wolfe-Medovic is a registered nurse in the labor and delivery department of Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling. She also teaches childbirth education classes.

'92

#### Keri Alexander, Class Agent 216-678-9384

**Brad Archer** is activities manager for the Wheeling Park Commission.

Anne Auberger is a registered nurse at St. Luke West Hospital Inc. in Florence, KY.

William Campbell is a mental retardation counselor with PSI Associates Inc. in Washington, DC.

**Beth Chambers** is a nuclear medicine technologist with CDL Medical Technologies Inc. in Wexford, PA.

**Chad Chaplin** is a seal surveyor for Duramettalic in Paden City, WV.

**Joy Descutner** is a legislative assistant for Joe Conroy in the Michigan State Senate. She is also attending the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Marc England is a billing specialist in the accounting department of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch and Birch, attorneys at law, in Falls Church, VA.

**Teresa Key** is a research assistant at the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

Lloyd Lohr works in technical support

management for Cexec Inc. in Vienna, VA, and is pursuing a master's degree at National-Louis University.

Elizabeth Martin is a nursing supervisor in the visit division of In-Home Health in Pittsburgh, PA. She was

inducted into Sigma Theta Tau at the master's level April 8, 1995.

**Todd Mroczkowski** is a cost accountant with Ormet Primary Aluminum Corp. in Hannibal, OH. He is engaged to marry Krista Key '93 in August of 1996.

Carole Oliveto works in the accounts payable department for Print Tech Graphics in Narberth, PA.

**Teresa (Clark) Postle** graduated from the West Virginia University Law School in May 1995 and is working for James Humphries in Charleston, WV.

'93

#### Tony Baratta, Class Agent 304-243-2777

Christina Amoroso is a child care teacher at Rosemont (PA) College.

Stacey (Conaway) Benda is a DP Specialist II with State Farm Insurance Companies in Bloomington, IL.

**Ignatius Burkhardt** is owner and operator of The Firehouse, a restaurant in Wheeling.

**Thomas Caruso** is an A/R A/P assistant with Collins Enterprises in Greenwich, CT.

**Ryan Childers** is a staff accountant with the National Technology Transfer Center at WJC.

#### **Nominees for Alumni Awards**

The Wheeling Jesuit College Alumni Association invites your nominations for the 1996 Alumni Awards. Please submit your nominations to the Alumni Association Office. All nominations will be forwarded to the Nominations Committee for Review.

#### Rev. Clifford M. Lewis, S.J., Award —

The Rev. Clifford M. Lewis, S.J., Award is the highest honor presented by the Alumni Association. It honors extraordinary service, contribution and dedication to Wheeling Jesuit College in the spirit of Fr. Lewis, a true "person for others." It is presented at the Awards Dinner during Alumni Weekend.

#### Distinguished Alumni Award -

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to graduates who exemplify the Jesuit ideal of extraordinary competence and personal compassion for which alumni of Wheeling Jesuit College have long been known. It is usually presented during the Convocation Ceremony.

Please send nominations by Friday, September 29, 1995 to:

Alumni Assocation, Wheeling Jesuit College 316 Washington Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

# **Class Notes**

Lori DiBacco is a graduate student in speechlanguage pathology at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

Laura Goff is staff nuclear medicine technologist at Sewickley (PA) Valley Hospital. She serves as student coordinator for WJC nuclear medicine students rotating through nuclear medicine at the hospital.

Roseanna Keller works in supervisor training for Bayer Corp. in New Martinsville, WV.

Terrence Lewis has been selected as associate recent

decisions editor of the Duquesne Law Review, Volume 34.

Mary Martelli is assistant director of nursing at Meridian Nursing Center in Dyer, IN.

**Kathleen McCarthy** is a respiratory therapist at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Lisa Marie Scholik is public relations director for the Ohio Mid-eastern Governments Association in Columbus.

Samantha Welsh, resource development manager of the All Faiths Food Bank in Sarasota, FL, was selected as "Woman of the Year" by the Women's Auxiliary of VFW Post 323. Honorees from various service sectors were presented with certificates and cash awards at a celebratory luncheon.

**Kara Wolfe** obtained a Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in May 1995.

#### **WJC Athletic Hall of Fame**

#### - Call for Nominees -

Criteria for Nominations

- A graduate of Wheeling Jesuit College (candidate must have graduated 5 years ago to be considered)
- Participated on a varsity, intercollegiate
- Athletic excellence in the candidate's given sport(s)
- A significant contributor to the Wheeling Jesuit College athletic program (special "honorary" category for faculty members, coaches and administrators)

Please include a one page summary detailing why your nominee should be elected to the Wheeling Jesuit College Hall of Fame.

Please send nominations by Friday, September 1, 1995 to:

Athletic Director, Wheeling Jesuit College, 316 Washington Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

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#### Paul Benson, Class Agent 216-854-4952

**Jewel Anderson** is a registered nurse at Wheeling Hospital.

**Daniel Devine** is a program associate and graduate assistant with the National Technology Transfer Center at Wheeling Jesuit College. He is also in WJC's MBA program.

**Kelly (Sweeder) Dlugos** is a physical therapist at Mountain View Regional Rehabilitation Hospital in Morgantown, WV.

**Michael Ebbert**, is a service engineer with Ohio Machinery Co. in Cadiz.

**Erin Finnegan** is a domestic relations officer in Delaware County, PA.

Michelle Fortney is an administrative assistant with the Capital University Office of Program Services in Columbus, OH.

Cassie Jo Foster is a graduate teaching assistant in the West Virginia Department of Biology in Morgantown, WV. She is also pursuing a degree in environmental plant biology.

Carrie Fox is a physical therapist in Wheeling Hospital's Department of Sports Medicine/Industrial Rehabilitation.

**Kelli Hodorowski** is an accounting clerk for METS Paramedic Service in Wheeling.

**Larisa Iaconis** is assistant director of admissions for Brewton Parker College in Mt. Vernon, GA.

**Ann Leamon** is a physical therapist at Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland, OH.

Melissa (Gillespie) Lemon is a registered nurse with Evanston (IL) Hospital Corporation.

Patricia Lesky is a physical therapist at Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland, OH.

**James Stafford** is an account executive with Dictaphone Corporation in Owings Mills, MD.

**Deborah Ann Trunnell** is a nuclear medicine technologist at Sewickley (PA) Valley Hospital.

Cathy (Booth) Trussell is a case management coordinator for Youth Services Systems Inc. in Wheeling.

**Christine Vargo** is an executive assistant with R. Barry Boyd, CPA, in Wheeling.

Jim Zachariah is an information specialist with the National Law Enforcement Technology Center in Rockville, MD.

Nancy Zombek is deputy-in-charge of U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Martinsburg.

#### '95

#### We are looking for a Class Agent Please call (800) 888-ALUM

**Peggy Byers** is coordinator of systems control for RJG International Corporation in Marietta, OH.

**Lori Wilson** is a nuclear medicine technologist at East Ohio Regional Hospital in Martins Ferry.

#### WEDDINGS

Vicky DiPiero '65 married Robert Sylvester July 22, 1994. They have seven children between them with one grandchild on the way. Vicky recently obtained a Master's in Human Resource Management.

Barbara Haddock '79 married Tony Taylor Oct. 9, 1994, at

Lake Tahoe, CA. She is a news photographer for *The Baltimore Sun*.

Moira Mahoney '85 married Henry Hughes Nov. 12, 1994, on Mt. Washington in Pittsburgh, PA.

**Brian Callahan '87** married Janine Gooler Dec. 3, 1994. Brian is an international project leader with Roadshow International Inc. in McLean, VA, and Janine is a planner for Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas Inc. in Herndon, VA.

Mark Steele '89 married Carey Chiody '92 June 11, 1994. Mark is completing his first year of residency in the pathology department at George Washington University, and Carey is a New Testament teacher at Elizabeth Seton Catholic High School in Bladensburg, MD.

**Jennifer Corrigan '94** married John McDonald Oct. 8, 1994 in Mingo Junction. She works for St. John Medical Center.

#### **New Cardinals**

Gerald Clifton '62 and his wife, Linda, had a daughter, Karen Diane, Jan. 4, 1995. She joins sisters Angelina, 20, and Trisha, 2.

Stephen Bryce '72 and his wife, Helen, had a daughter, Madeleine Regina, Feb. 12, 1995. The family lives in Tulsa, OK.

Bill Filbert '72 and his wife, Suzy, had a son, Patrick, Apr. 2, 1994.

Brian McMullen '72 and his wife, Peggy (Martellacci) '74, had a daughter, Katherine Maureen, Oct. 15, 1994. She joins Brian, 16, Megan, 14, and Macklin, 2.

Joseph Limbeck '75 and his wife, Annette, had a daughter, Victoria Rose Dec. 13, 1994. She joins brother, Philip. Joseph is a risk manager for Rochester (NY) Telephone.

Lale Virostek '79 and her husband, Joe, had a daughter, Katherine Mary, Jan. 16, 1995.

Lisa (Haranzo) Miner '80 and her husband, Joseph '82, had a son, Grant William, March 10, 1995. Joseph is vice president of Key Trust Company of Ohio in Dayton.

**John McLean '81** and his wife, Marianne, had a daughter, Madeline, Aug. 17, 1994. She joins brother, Jimmy, 2. John is a systems accountant for Airline Pilots Association.

Angie (Drummer) Dilmore '83 and her husband, Robert, had twin sons, Eric Robert, and Andrew Robert, Oct. 24, 1994. The family lives in Pittsburgh, PA.

Stephanie (Wood) Mullen '83 and her husband, Patrick, had a daughter, Matilda Jane, Jan. 1, 1995. Stephanie is editor in chief of Bridal Guide magazine in New York City.

# Believe it or not, about 70 percent of American adults do not have wills!

Wheeling Jesuit College encourages you to have a will so your assests can be distributed according to your wishes. Of course, we hope you will consider the inclusion of Wheeling Jesuit College in your will to help assure the future financial strength of the college. Doing so qualifies you for membership in WJC's new Heritage Society which is only for individuals who include the college in their estate plans.

To assist you in planning your will or reviewing your current one, I invite you to send for a copy of a special booklet, <u>Estate</u>, <u>Tax and Gift Planning</u>. I know you will find it helpful in your estate planning process.

☐ Yes, I would like to know more about planning my estate .  Please send me a complimentary copy of Estate, Tax and Gift Planning.	NameAddress
☐ Yes, I have already included WJC in my estate plans. Please send me a Declaration of Intent form to register my arrangement and to become a member of the new WJC	City           State         Zip           Phone         Fax
Heritage Society.	Mail Form To:
☐ Yes, Please send me information on WJC's new Charitable Gift Annuity program.	Stu Strait, Vice President for Development, Wheeling Jesuit College, 316 Washington Ave, Wheeling WV 26003 or call 1-800-888-2586

## **Class Notes**

Barbara (Carr) Nagy '83 and her husband, Rudolph, had a daughter, Bridget Julie Anna, April 4, 1995. Barbara is a respiratory therapist at Fairfax Hospital in Annandale, VA.

William Floria Jr. '84 and his wife, Diane, had a son, Kenneth William, Aug. 2, 1994. William is a technical analyst for Prudential Home Mortgage in Frederick, MD.

Jennifer (Sosenko) Kramer '84, and her husband, Douglas, had a daughter, Blair Roxanna, Dec. 1, 1994. She joins sister, Sydney, 1. Jennifer is a registered nurse at Blake Hospital in Bradenton, FL.

Lois (Holloway) McAninch '85 and her husband, William, had a son, Ryan Patrick, May 30, 1994.

Carla (Branch) Yaglou '85 and her husband, William, had a daughter, Kelsey Susan, Oct. 11, 1994. She joins Kayla, 4, and Michael, 2.

John Sebring '87 and his wife, Amy, had a son, Trevor John, Nov. 2, 1994. John is a trauma coordinator for Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling.

**Jason Wolf '87** and his wife, **Diane** (Ehrenberg) '87, had a son, Daniel Garrett, Aug. 12, 1994. He joins sister, Michelle, 2.

Diana (DiBacco) Korth '88 and her husband, Michael '88, had a daughter, Alexia Teresa, Jan. 13, 1995.

Michael Connor '89 and his wife, Michelle, had their first child, Michael Jr., Aug. 15, 1994. Michael is merchandising manager for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Whendy (Gallagher) Dodd '89 had twins, Carter Douglas and Ethan Richard Nov. 29, 1993.

Patricia (Zoeckler) La Montagne '89 and her husband, Daniel '92, had a son, Nicholas, April 3, 1995. He joins Daniel Jr., 1. Daniel Sr. is operator/manager of Tune-Up Clinic Store in Lawrenceville, GA.

Rhonda Price '89 and her husband, Tim, had twin girls, Lauren Dianna and Leanna Marie, Oct. 12, 1994.

Lisa (Dougherty) Ingram '90 had a son, Garrett, Feb. 14, 1995. Lt. Thomas Welsh '90 and his wife, Susan, had a son, Forrest Nicholas, March 10, 1995. They live in Norfolk, VA.

**Kerri Ann (Nagy) Greaves '91** and her husband, Bob, had a son, John Robert, Aug. 22, 1994.

#### **OBITUARIES**

William Crock '61 died in June 1995 in Cincinnati, OH. Dr. Yueh-hua Gizo, formerly chairman of the Wheeling Jesuit chemistry department, died June 19, 1995, at the age of 66. She was an associate professor of chemistry at WJC from 1968 until 1989 when she was appointed department chairman, a position she held until she retired in 1992.

Arlene Houser, former Wheeling Jesuit public relations director, died June 25, 1995 in Williamsburg, VA. She was the mother of two alumni, Ruth Houser '75 and Tom Houser '80.

Joseph Krasevic '64 of Wheeling died Jan. 23, 1995.

Robert M. Kunczt '66 died June 19, 1995, in San Antonio, TX. Robert Scheeser '76 of Burlington, NC, died in March 1995.

#### **Memorial Trees**

They serve as living reminders, either of loved ones who died too soon or enjoyable years long ago that someone wants to preserve.

Every year, they bloom in the springtime, prosper throughout the summer, lose their leaves during autumn and then stubbornly survive the snows and bitter coldness of winter.

And everything they do helps to preserve a memory.

They are Memorial Trees planted at Wheeling Jesuit College in remembrance of alumni and friends.

The Memorial Tree program offers individuals and organizations the chance to sponsor the planing of a new tree on campus. All the trees include a plaque which carries an explanation of whom or what the tree is being planted to honor.

Three Memorial Trees honor deceased members of the Clean Living American Men's Society, a campus organization informally known as the CLAMS: Jon Danna '77, Bryan McNamara '78 and John Quinlan '78.

Mike Scannapieco '77, a lawyer in Audobon, NJ, and a CLAMS member, said the group is still very close and many members chipped in money to sponsor the trees.

"We thought it would be a great way to keep their spirit alive on campus," he said. "I can't think of a better way for their spirit to live on."

Memorial Trees were dedicated at the 1994 Alumni Weekend by the Class of 1984 at its 10-year reunion and by the Class of 1959 in honor of Tom Carrigan '59. A tree was also dedicated at the 1993 Alumni Weekend by the Class of 1963 for its 30-year reunion.

Linda Cunningham '63 said the tree serves as a memorial to the deceased members of the class as well as to the years that all the class members spent as students in Wheeling.

"Whenever we lose someone in the class, we don't hear about it until months later," she said. "It doesn't seem that there's a good way to say good-bye.

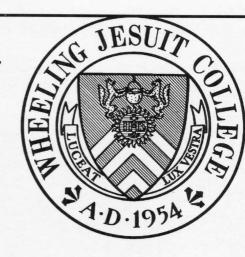
"Since we all shared this special time in our lives, it just seemed that this was a good way to remember each other as part of that time."

Cunningham said about 35 members of the Class of '63 made donations to purchase the tree, and the class had its 30-year Alumni Weekend picture taken in front of it.

Memorial Trees are available at a cost of \$1,000 apiece. Sponsors will receive a certificate from the college acknowledging the gift as well as a map of the campus identifying the exact location where the tree was planted.

Additional information about the Memorial Tree program can be obtained by calling Alumni Director Michael Moran at 1-800-888-ALUM.

# Mark Your Calendar Alumni Weekend '96 May 24, 25 & 26



- •The Cardinal Kroger Golf Scramble
- Award Dinner and Dance
- Alumni Memorial Mass

- •Reunion Class Parties
- •All Alumni Picnic
- •Farewell Brunch
- •Silver Anniversary luncheon and Scroll Club Ceremony



# Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center



The newest addition to the Wheeling Jesuit College physical plant, the Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center Building, was completed in April. More than 90 NTTC employees, and college undergraduate and graduate student workers moved into the new four-level facility in May. Watch upcoming editions of *Chronicle* for detailed explanations of how the NTTC is making Wheeling Jesuit a key player in national technology transfer, the war on crime and new product development.



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